

Farm Management for Women

University of Missouri Extension is offering an evening farm management workshop, Annie's Project, beginning March 12h in St. Joseph. The course is targeted towards farm women, women landowners, and new farmers. The course includes six evening classes (March 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, and 28). The location will be the Buchanan County Extension Center at 4125 Mitchell Avenue in St. Joseph.

A few of the course topics include: communication, business plans, financial statements, retirement, risk management, crop insurance, and much more. The course will be taught by University of Missouri Extension field faculty and will also include guest speakers.

Annie's Project began in Illinois. Annie was a farm wife who grew up in Northern Illinois. She married a farmer and spent her lifetime learning how to be an involved business partner with her husband. Together they did great things, but it was not easy. This course is Annie's Project—to take her experiences and share it with farm women living and working in a complex business. The course has already been taught at numerous locations in Illinois, Iowa, and Missouri. Several additional land grant universities are in the planning stages to offer the course.

The fee for the course is \$50. The class is being partially funded by a grant through the North Central Risk Management Educational Center. With the software, resources, and materials that each participant receives, the value of the course exceeds \$300 per person.

The local sponsors for the courses include the County Commissioners, County Extension Council, Farm Bureau, Farm Service Agencies, and financial institutions.

For more information or a registration brochure, contact Bob Kelly at the Buchanan County Extension Center (816) 279-1691 or Dr. Rebecca J. Travnichek at the Andrew County Extension Center (816) 324-3147.